

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do urge the people of the United States to honor our American Merchant Marine on May 22, 1980, by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places, and I call upon all ships under the American flag to dress ship on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourth.

JIMMY CARTER

**Proclamation 4737 of March 18, 1980**

**National Defense Transportation Day and National Transportation Week, 1980**

**By the President of the United States of America**

**A Proclamation**

Throughout the history of the United States, our progress as a Nation has been closely tied to our progress in transportation.

As the Nation grew, so did its need for mobility. In the last century this need was well served by expanding networks of railroads and canals. Today, the need is served by a broader range of systems, including motor vehicles and aircraft.

The generations of men and women who pioneered these systems stand high in the ranks of those who made America great.

But new demands are constantly being made on our capacity to move people and the goods they produce. Today's systems must change if they are to handle the demographic changes and the energy problems of tomorrow.

Once again we look to the people in our transportation industry to innovate—and to provide rapid, dependable, safe and efficient transportation to meet the needs of the future.

Acknowledging the importance of the U.S. transportation system, the Congress by joint resolution of May 16, 1957 (71 Stat. 30, 36 U.S.C. 160), requested the President to proclaim the third Friday in May of each year as National Defense Transportation Day, and, by joint resolution of May 14, 1962 (76 Stat. 69, 36 U.S.C. 166), requested the President to proclaim the week on which that Friday falls as National Transportation Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Friday, May 16, 1980, as National Defense Transportation Day, and the week beginning May 11, 1980, as National Transportation Week.

I urge all Governors, appropriate Federal officials, transportation organizations, and the people of the United States to join with the U.S. Department

of Transportation in observing this day and week in honor of the vital role that the commercial transportation industry plays in our daily lives, in national defense, and in the future of an energy-secure America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourth.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4738 of March 20, 1980

## National Energy Education Day

By the President of the United States of America

### A Proclamation

During the past decade it has become clear that our Nation faces an increasing shortage of its traditional energy sources. This energy shortage and our growing dependence on foreign energy supplies present a serious threat to the national security of the United States and to the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. In an effort to reduce our dependence on foreign energy, we have embarked on a number of programs aimed at the development of new energy technologies. We have also initiated a comprehensive program to educate the Nation, particularly the Nation's youth, about the consequences of the changing world energy supply.

In order to focus our attention on this ongoing program of energy education for the young—in both public and private schools and at all grade levels—and in an effort to bring together teachers, school officials and parent groups to help our children understand the current international energy situation, Congress has by Joint Resolution (S.J. Res. 43) proclaimed March 21, 1980, as National Energy Education Day.

*Ante*, p. 80.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon all citizens and government officials to observe Friday, March 21, 1980, as National Energy Education Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. I direct all agencies of the Federal Government to cooperate with and participate in the celebration of National Energy Education Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourth.

JIMMY CARTER

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**Editorial Note:** The President's remarks of Mar. 20, 1980, on signing Proclamation 4738, are printed in the Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents (vol. 16, p. 509).